



# Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival

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Welcome to the Kamloops 2018 Dragon Boat Festival! We write to provide you with information concerning the festival.

There are 32 boats entered – 12 Mixed, 14 Women and 6 Community teams. These crews are listed at the end of this letter.

The races will be officiated by the **Penticton Dragon Boat Festival Society (“PDBFS”)**. A copy of the Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival Rules and Regulations is attached.

## *Directions to the Venue*

If you are arriving from the South on the Coquihalla, take exit # 369. This will take you to Columbia Street. Continue on Columbia Street down the hill until you come to the hospital, which is at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Columbia. Turn left on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and drive down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue until you come to the yellow pedestrian railway overpass at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Lansdowne St. Continue through the intersection one block and over the railway tracks to the roundabout at the entrance to Riverside Park.

If you are arriving from the East on the Trans Canada Highway, take exit # 375. Stay right when you come to the first fork in the road and this will put you on Victoria Street. Continue on Victoria Street until you come to a 2<sup>nd</sup> fork in the road. Stay right and this will put you on Lansdowne Street. Drive down Lansdowne until you come to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Lansdowne. At this intersection you will see the yellow pedestrian railway overpass. Turn right and continue one block over the railway tracks to the roundabout at the entrance to Riverside Park.

For a general overview of our venue and race course look under the Festival Layout and Race Layout tabs under Festival Info on our website. There is also an interactive map for Kamloops found under Contact Us on our website: [kamloopsdragonboatfestival.com](http://kamloopsdragonboatfestival.com)

## *Registration and Check-In*

Registration is located at the paddlers village near the Concession building. Teams can register at Riverside Park starting at 7:00 am. Please bring a copy of your completed waiver form. Completed waiver forms can also be emailed to [info@kamloopsdragonboatfestival.com](mailto:info@kamloopsdragonboatfestival.com).

## *Parking and Transportation*

Parking at the venue will be extremely limited. There is parking available on a first come – first serve basis at the parking lot located on the east side of the park beside the Sandman Center arena. The entrance to the parking is at the roundabout at the foot of the yellow pedestrian-railway overpass bridge.

Free parking is also available at the British Columbia Lottery Corporation parking lot located at 74 Seymour Street West and at the City parkade located at 335 Lansdowne Street.

No vehicles are allowed within the park other than to drop off tents and equipment on Saturday morning. Please obey instructions given by the Ribfest management and volunteers as to where vehicles are allowed in the park.

### ***Venue/Paddlers Village***

The venue is at Riverside Park, which is on the Thompson River in downtown Kamloops. The Village will be in a grassy area in the east side of Riverside Park. The area will be delineated and available for tent set-up on Friday evening between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm and Saturday morning starting at 6:30 am. The area available for team tents will be marked on the grass within the paddlers village. Please bring weights to hold your tent down. Spikes into the ground are not allowed on the grass due to underground sprinkler lines. Although there is security in the park overnight, the festival is not responsible for tents left unattended overnight. We will have volunteers available to direct and assist you. An aerial map of the park and location of the paddlers village can be seen on our website.

### ***Practice Times***

We highly encourage teams to take advantage of our practice sessions to get acquainted with paddling on a river. Times will be available on Friday August 10, 2018 for one hour between 5 pm and 8 pm. They are available on a “first come first serve” basis. If you wish to arrange a practice session on our race course please contact Phil Maher ([supra88@shaw.ca](mailto:supra88@shaw.ca) or (250) 371-1860).

### ***Paddlers Exchange***

We will help paddlers find teams they can join if they wish to join up with a team. We will also help teams that are looking for extra paddlers. If you want our help please contact Phil Maher.

### ***Race Times***

Races will commence at 8:00 am and run until approximately 4:30 pm. Marshalling for the first race will begin at 7:45 am.

### ***Races***

There will be four 500 metre races. Placement in the semi-finals will be determined by the combined time for each team in the two time trials. There will be 3 or 4 boats in each heat.

Subject to the weather and the race director’s discretion the 1500 Metre “Loops” endurance race will be held upon completion of the regular races. This is an optional race and does not go towards final standings. See below for further information.

## *Mixed Team Composition*

A team can have a maximum of 10 male paddlers. A crew may paddle with a minimum of 16 paddlers.

## *Race Course*

The race course will be on the Thompson River, running downstream from east to west. Teams are reminded that the course will be subject to variations due to the current and depth of the river.

A diagram of the race course is available on our website.

## *Boats and Variation in Lane Flow Rates*

We will use D2 boats supplied by the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club and Millennium boats supplied by the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival Society.

For consistency, each team will paddle once in each type of boat in the two preliminary time trials.

There is a variation in flow rates between the four race course lanes. Lanes 2 and 3 are the faster lanes. Lanes 1 and 4 are the slower lanes. Again, to maintain consistency, in the two preliminary races each team will paddle once in one of the faster lanes and once in a slower lane.

## *Steerspersons*

There will be a steerspersons and managers meeting at 7:00 am by the edge of the concession area. There will be a festival volunteer at the Paddle Village to direct you to the meeting area. Please be punctual! Special instructions are attached for steers and managers. As our course is quite technical we want to ensure that all steers and managers are aware of specific precautions we will be following to ensure that the races are run as safely as possible. Please read these notes before attending the Saturday morning meeting.

The festival reserves the right to substitute a festival steersperson if, in the opinion of the race director, your team's steersperson is encountering difficulties.

The festival will provide a steersperson for your crew if you wish. Teams requiring a steersperson please contact Phil Maher

## *The Race Grid*

The race grid will be prepared by the **PDBFS** and posted on our website during the week prior to the Festival. A copy is also attached with this letter.

## *Results*

The results will be recorded by **the PDBFS**. They will be announced at the end of each race and posted on the results board located by the park concession.

## *Awards*

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the Mixed Final A and Women's Blue Final A races and will be presented by the concession area immediately following the completion of the Loops race.

There will be a special prize for the team winning the Loops race, which will be awarded immediately following the completion of the race.

## *“The Loops” Challenge Race*

“*The Loops*”, a 1500 metre endurance race, will be held immediately following the Women's final race. Again, this race will not count towards award standings but will be an interesting and memorable experience!

There is no additional fee to enter this race. We would encourage interested teams to register prior to the festival. Subject to availability additional teams can register on the day of the festival. Composite crews from members of various teams will be allowed if only some of your crew members want to participate. Interested teams and paddlers please contact Phil Maher.

## *Security*

The Paddlers Village is located near high traffic areas of the park. There will be limited security so please guard your valuables carefully.

## *First Aid*

St. John First Aid attendants will be available on site.

## *Food Concessions/Restaurants/Beer Garden*

There will be food available on site. Ribfest will be held in Riverside Park the same day as the festival. Ribfest will have food, beverages and a beer garden. Ask when entering the beer garden if there is any seating available in the 80 seat section of the beer garden reserved for dragon boat crews. Coffee from Tim Hortons will be available to participants when teams first arrive at the park. There are also numerous restaurants and coffee shops within walking distance of the venue

Drinking water will be available at various locations around the venue. Please bring re-fillable drinking bottles.

## *Additional Events*

Besides Ribfest, there will also be the “Hot Night in the City” car show, live “Music in the Park” and a KidsZone. In other words, there will be a number of exciting events at Riverside Park during the dragon boat festival!

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>!

Paddles Up!

**The Kamloops 2018 Dragon Boat Festival Organizing Committee**

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## *List of Crews Entered*

### **Women's**

Kamloops Extreme  
FLCC Phoenix  
FLCC Dragon Alliance  
FLCC Sundragons  
Fire on Water  
Spirit Warriors  
Seraphins  
Despirit Housewives  
ODBRC Flowriders  
KDBC Dragon In The Drink  
Buoyant Buddies  
Friends Abreast  
Pink Dragon Toa  
Kamloops Interior Dragons

### **Mixed**

Kamloops Extreme  
FLCC FORTified  
Thunder Stokers  
G.T. Racers  
KDBC Lift What's Draggin  
Peach City Dragons  
Desert Spirit  
Silver Dips  
Cultus Blue  
Dr'agonize  
ODBRC Rogue Dragons  
Kamloops Interior Dragons

### **Corporate Challenge**

Rock'n the River  
Chemodo Dragons  
TD Green Machine  
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TRU Dragon Slayers